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The Great Outdoors

Dad, Ben and Emma were going on a camping **adventure**. They **packed** the car with a tent, sleeping bags, rucksacks and fishing rods. 'I can't fit in another thing!' said Dad.

Ben was excited but Emma was a little nervous. She had never been camping before. What if it was scary?

The **campsite** was at the edge of a forest.

Ben and Emma helped Dad to **assemble** the tent.

Then they took their fishing nets and buckets down to the lake to go fishing. It took a while to get a bite, but in the end they caught three **trout**!

Ben gathered sticks for a campfire. They cooked the fish on the fire and ate it for dinner.

After dinner, Dad showed them how to make s'mores. First, they put **marshmallows** on a stick and **toasted** them. Then they put the toasted marshmallow onto chocolate **biscuits**. They tasted great!

Emma was still a bit worried about sleeping in the tent but Dad said it would be fine. He told them some stories and they sang some campfire songs.

Ben and Emma fell asleep beneath the stars and Dad lifted them into the tent.

Emma woke up the next morning feeling happy. 'I don't know why I thought camping was so scary!' she thought. 'It's a lot of fun!'



A Answer the questions.

1. What did Dad and the children pack for their camping trip?

2. How did Emma feel about going camping?

3. Where was the campsite?

4. How did Ben and Emma help Dad?

5. What did they use to catch the fish?

6. When did they make the s'mores?



How did Emma feel at the end of the story? Why do you think she felt that way?

**B** Choose the correct word.

adventure

biscuits

assemble

packed

toasted

1. I _____ the car with all the things we needed.

2. We were all ready for our camping _____.

3. I helped Dad to _____ the tent.

4. We _____ marshmallows on the campfire.

5. Dad likes chocolate _____ with his tea.



Write a sentence for each word in yellow in your copy.

7b

Noises in the Night

It was the second night of the camping trip. Emma woke up in the middle of the night. A **strange rustling** sound was coming from just outside the tent! Emma shook Ben to wake him up.

'I heard a **noise** outside our tent!' said Emma.

'It's probably just the wind,' said Ben. 'It wasn't that kind of noise,' said Emma. 'Well, let's have a **peep**,' said Ben.

The children **crawled** to the tent door and unzipped it. There was a full moon so they were able to see.

'You see!' said Ben. 'There isn't anything there!' But just then Emma spotted something in a bush nearby.

'Look!' she whispered. They saw a pair of **beady** eyes **sparkling** in the moonlight. A fox with a long, bushy tail crept out of the bush.

'Wow!' whispered Ben, a little too loudly. 'A real live fox!' The fox was gone in an instant. 'That explains the rustling sounds,' said Emma. 'Wait!' Ben said. 'Look over there!'

Marching across some leaves nearby was a mother hedgehog and her two babies.

'The forest really comes to life at night!' said Emma. 'Some creatures only come out at night,' said Ben. 'They're called **nocturnal**.'

Emma couldn't wait to tell Dad about what they had seen in the morning!



A Answer the questions.

1. Why did Emma wake up?

2. What did Ben think the noise was?

3. How were the children able to see outside at night?

4. What creature did the 'pair of beady eyes' belong to?

5. What other creature did the children see?

6. What did Ben call creatures that only come out at night?



Why do you think the fox was 'gone in an instant'?

B Fill in the missing words.

strange

crawled

rustling

noise

peep

1. The animals were making lots of _____.
2. The leaves were _____ in the wind.
3. I _____ along the ground.
4. We took a quick _____ out of the window to see what was going on.
5. The _____ noise scared them.



Draw three items that you might need for a camping trip.
Write a sentence to explain why you might need each item.